

Jerome Toliver-RMJ Technologies

Jerome A. Toliver currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of RMJ Technologies, a California Corporation with offices in San Marcos, CA and Houston, TX.

AS CEO of RMJ, Jerome works with a team of associated business partners in the sales and marketing of break-through GPS vehicle tracking technology, multiple use vehicle camera systems, and fleet driver training programs – all of which are web-based. Notable RMJ Technologies clients include the Walmart, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Eastern Municipal Water District, Western Municipal Water District, Rancho California Water District, Coachella Valley Water District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Santa Clara Valley Water District, South Tahoe Public Utilities District, San Diego Gas & Electric, San Diego International Regional Airport Authority, the County of Orange, the State of Alabama, PACE Suburban Bus, Burrtec Disposal, and several others.

RMJ Technologies was awarded the 2014 Supplier of the Year Award by the Council of Supplier Diversity, 2012 Supplier of the Year Award by the Eastern Municipal Water District, and the 2010 “Green Firm of the Year” by the City of Los Angeles.

Prior to establishing RMJ, Jerome acquired over a decade of management experience while employed in the banking industry with Bank of America, primarily in retail banking and lending. In addition to the finance sector, Jerome enjoyed his experience in public/media relations in the NBA with the Los Angeles Clippers and the NHL with the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.

Mr. Toliver is a graduate of California State University, San Bernardino and has a certificate from UCLA’s Anderson School of Management in Management Development for Entrepreneurs. Jerome enjoys golf as a hobby and preferred business environment.

Sharon Brown-ICDC Publishing

Sharon E. Brown is the President of ICDC Publishing, Inc. (ICDC) an award-winning certified small, minority, woman-owned company based in Woodland Hills. ICDC began in 1989 as a vocational training provider and evolved into a niche publishing company. Sharon is one of the co-founders (along with Mannon Kaplan and George Rivin of Miller, Kaplan, Arase LLP, North Hollywood, California) and eventual sole owner. Sharon oversees all aspects of the company’s daily business operations. She has held positions as an insurance technical specialist/trainer, small group investigator, associate underwriter, auditor, author, and attorney.

Sharon has trained, advised and consulted with thousands of students, business owners, executives, and professionals from various backgrounds and on various issues. As a small business owner, author and attorney, Sharon is very passionate about and actively involved in her community and professional organizations as follows:

- Los Angeles County Small Business Commission - Commissioner and Chair of the Agency Reciprocity Committee,

- Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce - Board of Directors and Chair of the Public Policy Committee,
- VEDC – Women’s Business Center - Advisory Board, and • B2BconnectR – President.

Joel Ayala-California SBDC Leadership Council

Mr. Ayala has an extensive background serving the workforce, economic development, and fund development needs of government, corporate and nonprofit groups. He specializes in government affairs, coalition building, and support for the emerging domestic market with direct experience and leadership within the Hispanic and small business community.

Mr. Ayala serves as the state liaison and public affairs for the California Small Business Development Center Leadership Council, serving over 65,000 small businesses a year. Mr. Ayala works to support and coordinate a comprehensive approach for sustainability and delivery of the nation’s largest SBDC network, including legislative affairs, fund development, and stakeholder relations.

Mr. Ayala is the recipient of many honors and awards that acknowledge his effective leadership in the Hispanic and small business community including:

- “Executive of the Year” California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
- “Executive of the Year” Citi Bank Recognition
- “Notable Person” Para Todos Magazine
- “Large Chamber of the Year” California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
- “Minority Small Business Champion”, U.S. Small Business Administration
- “Adelante with Community Development” Recognition, Hyundai USA
- “Latino Leaders” Southwest Airlines-Latino Leaders Magazine

Prior affiliations

- Chairman, Anaheim Workforce Investment Board
- Vice Chair, Santa Ana Workforce Investment Board
- VP, Government Relations, UC Irvine Alumni Association Board
- President, Orange County Presidents Council
- Orange County CC District Business Advisory Committee
- Los Padrinos Children’s Hospital Orange County Board Member
- US Postal Service Multicultural Executive Council
- United Way Leadership and Professional Development Program
- California Association of Local Economic Developers
- Latino Water Coalition
- Vice President, Cal South Soccer Foundation

Rosa Elena Saucedo-National Latina Business Women Association-Los Angeles (NLBWA-LA)

Rose Elena Saucedo understands what it takes to run a successful business. She founded and managed her own business after a twenty-five year career in Banking and Financial Services. What drives her beyond success is the opportunity to give back to her community.

Currently, serving as President, she practices its mission, which is to encourage Latinas to develop their business and professional skills. As well as Board of Director and Treasurer for Plaza de La Raza Culture Center for the Performing Arts & Education in Los Angeles, she is passionate about empowering all Latino leaders and children.

Current affiliations:

- President-National Latina Business Women Association-Los Angeles (2005 to current)
- Treasurer-Board of Directors Plaza de La Raza Culture Center (2007 to current)
- Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce-Member (2010 to present)
- National Association Hispanic Real Estate Professional Los Angeles-Member (2012 to current)